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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI-Designate

VIA: Deputy Director

FROM: David D. Gries
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SUBJECT: Your Confirmation Hearings - Comment, Timeline
and Reference Materials

Your nomination has been received positively at SSCI, though it is obviously too early to reach any conclusions. During a business meeting today the Committee is likely to vote to send you its standard Questionnaire for Completion by Presidential Nominees.

Since a full FBI field investigation must be submitted to the White House before nominating papers can be forwarded to the Senate, it is unlikely that your nomination will reach the SSCI before 30 March.

SSCI rules normally require that 14 days elapse between receiving the nominating papers and holding a hearing. However, this requirement is often waived. Accordingly, your hearing could be scheduled either at the end of the week of 30 March or during the week of 6 April. The completion of NFIP budget hearings on 25 March and the beginning of the Easter recess on 11 April point to these two weeks as a likely window.

Timeline:

- Place courtesy telephone calls to Chairman Boren and Ranking Minority Member Cohen
- Avoid public discussion of your nomination
- Begin courtesy calls on Members of Congress

Since you are a Presidential nominee, the White House Congressional Affairs Office takes the lead in arranging for your courtesy calls

- Begin preparing nominating papers

Prepare Financial disclosure forms

Complete Questionnaire for Completion by
Presidential Nominees (CIA can help with this.)



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-- Review draft of Opening Statement

(If you wish, CIA will prepare an initial draft after discussion with you.)

-- Read reference materials

See attached documents. A more detailed and comprehensive set of materials has been organized in folders and is in the Office of Congressional Affairs for your use at any time.

Other CIA and Intelligence Community elements are also preparing reference materials.

Review Q's & A's prepared by Agency on possible areas of Committee inquiry.

-- Attend pre-hearing "moot court" sessions

At CIA
At White House

-- Review SSCI staff questions prepared for Members

-- Confirmation Hearing

The principal hearing is open; the SSCI will determine later whether to follow up with a closed hearing.

-- Committee Vote (perhaps at the end of the hearing)

-- Senate Floor Action

-- Swearing in Ceremony

For your initial reading, I am attaching a few key underlying documents bearing on the issues of intelligence law and Congressional oversight: pertinent sections of the Intelligence Oversight Act of 1980 and a summary analysis thereof (Tab A); Executive Order 12333 and 12334 (B); and the existing CIA/SSCI procedures on reporting covert action activities to the Committee (C). Finally, I am attaching at Tab D the opening statements of the last three nominees for DCI (Gates, Casey and Turner) and DDCI (Gates, McMahon and Inman). We have complete transcripts of these hearings and are ready to provide them to your staff at your convenience.

Attachments

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